GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:520
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2001
DIRECT EXCHANGE LINE
CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed and achieved in providing of Direct Exchange Lines with equipped capacity by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) during 2000-2001;

(b) the reasons for not achieving the targets; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the targets?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO 520 FOR 23RD APRIL, 2001 REGARDING DIRECT EXCHANGE LINE.

The target fixed and achievement made in regard to providing of Direct Exchange Lines with Equipped Capacity by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) during 2000-2001 is as under:

	Target	Achievement	% of Target
Direct Exchange Lines	5350000	5629255	105.2
Equipped Capacity	6700000	6664850	99.5

The overall DELs target for the country has been exceeded.The Equipped capacity target of BSNL for the country has been almost achieved. A marginal shortfall in Equipped Capacity has occurred due to delayed supply of equipment.

The shortfall in achievement of Equipped capacity will be made good during the first Quarter of 2001-2002 as part of the ordered equipment is likely to be received by that time.